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TRIPOLI FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: ARAB GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR BLACK SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION

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1. I CALLED ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FARHADI MARCH 19 TO ACQUAINT HIM WITH GIST REFTELS. HE WILL BE LEAVING SHORTLY FOR MEETING ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN TRIPOLI AND RETURN FROM THERE TO KABUL BEFORE TAKING UP HIS NEW DUTIES AS AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS.
 2. FARHADI SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD SERIOUS CHARACTER OF INFORMATION AND SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN LIBYA. HE REVEALED THAT FATAH HAD TRIED ESTABLISH OFFICE IN KABUL BUT HAD BEEN TURNED AWAY WITH USUAL INGENIOUS AFGHAN EXPLANATIONS.
 3. DURING OUR CONVERSATION PM SHAFIQ STEPPED IN UNEXPECTEDLY (RGA CABINET MEETINGS NOW HELD IN FONMIN) AND ENDORSED FARHADI' S VIEWS.
 4. FOR AMEMB TRIPOLI: FARHADI IS EXCEPTIONALLY ASTUTE OBSERVER AND HAS BEEN VERY FRIENDLY WITH U. S. MISSION KABUL. ALTHOUGH RGA INVARIABLY PRO- ARAB IN ME QUESTION ITS ATTITUDE HAS BEEN GENERALLY MODERATE. RECENTLY UNDER MORE VIGOROUS LEADERSHIP OF NEW PM SHAFIQ, RGA HAS CAUTIOUSLY SEARCHED FOR A MORE ACTIVE
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FOREIGN POLICE ROLE ESPECIALLY IN ME AND SA. SHAFIQ AND FARHADI
HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE DISCREET CONTACTS WITH U. S.
MISSION AT MEETINGS OF THIS KIND. WE RECOMMEND FOLLOW- UP
IF IN YOUR JUDGMENT CONDITIONS PROPITIOUS. NEUMANN

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